

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
No. 5:19-CV-509-D

SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
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ATTICUS, LLC, )  
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Defendant. )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff's unopposed motion to seal documents submitted in connection with Defendant's Motion and Memorandum for Leave to File a Supplemental Reply in Support of its Motion to Amend its Answer and Counterclaims. Specifically, Plaintiff seeks to seal Defendant's Motion and Memorandum, its Proposed Supplemental Reply, and Exhibits 1 and 2 thereto on the ground they "contain sensitive business and technical information, including information concerning a non-public legal matter." (Mot. Seal [DE #195] at 1.)

For the reasons set forth in Plaintiff's motion and supporting memorandum, the court finds that the public's common law right of access is outweighed by Plaintiff's interests in protecting against competitive and/or financial harm to Plaintiff were such information made public. *In re Knight Publ'g Co.*, 743 F.2d 231 (4th Cir. 1984). Public notice of Plaintiff's request to seal and a reasonable opportunity to object have been provided by the filing of its motion, and no objections have been filed with the court. Plaintiff has narrowly tailored its request to remove

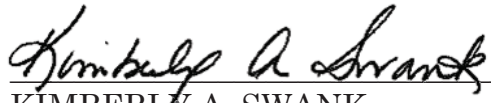
only information that is sensitive and confidential and not otherwise publicly known. Furthermore, the court has denied Defendant's motion for leave to file its proposed supplemental reply as unnecessary to the court's determination of Defendant's motion to amend. Plaintiff's motion is therefore allowed.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's Motion to Seal [DE #195] is GRANTED, and the following documents shall be SEALED:

1. Defendant's Motion and Memorandum for Leave to File a Supplemental Reply in Support of its Motion to Amend its Answer and Counterclaims [DE #184];
2. Defendant's Proposed Supplemental Reply [DE #184-1]; and
3. Exhibits 1 and 2 [DE ##186, 186-1].

This 26th day of June 2021.

  
KIMBERLY A. SWANK  
United States Magistrate Judge